

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	
<i>In re</i> application of: Trinh, et al. Appl. No.: 09/306,986 Filed: May 7, 1999 For: A Method for Synthesizing a Nucleic Acid Molecule Using a Ribonuclease	Confirmation No.: 4261 Art Unit: 1652 Examiner: Hutson, R. G. Atty. Docket: IVGN 202

Request to Withdraw Appeal

Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences
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Sir:

A Notice of Appeal for the above-referenced application was filed on October 25, 2006, and a hearing on this Appeal is scheduled for January 15, 2008. Appellants do not wish to pursue this Appeal any further. Consequently, Appellants request that the pending Appeal be withdrawn from consideration by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences as of today's date, January 14, 2008.

Applicants wish to have prosecution of the application reopened, and have filed this same day a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, accompanied by a submission responsive to the last outstanding Office action and the corresponding fee set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

If you believe for any reason that personal communication is necessary regarding this matter, you are invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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